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BASED ON VERSION IN TODAY'S PRAVDA, FOLLOWING ARE
EMBASSY'S PRINCIPAL IMPRESSIONS OF KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH AT
DNIETROPETROVSK YESTERDAY; ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FULL
MONITORED TEXT.

FACT THAT OVERWHELMING PORTION SPEECH DEVOTED FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND, FOR KHRUSHCHEV, IS UNUSALLY REASONABLE, EVEN CON-
CILIATORY, IN TONE MAY INDICATE DELIBERATE PLANNING
FAVORABLE BACKDROP FOR FINAL SUMMIT BID AT POSSIBLE
FAREWELL MEETING WITH VP NIXON BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE
USSR. KHRUSHCHEV REITERATED MOST STOCK SOVIET POSITIONS
ON BERLIN AND GERMANY, AGAIN PERSONALLY ATTACKED
ADENAUER, AND REMINDED WORLD UESR "IN FEW HOURS CAN WIPE
FROM FACE OF EARTH WEST GERMANY AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE
MILITARY BASES LOCATED". HOWEVER, HE OMITTED ANY MENTION
OF SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR, AND EVEN EXPRESSED
HIS "OPTIMISM" THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE "TO FIND ACCEPTABLE
SOLUTION OF QUESTIONS (AT GENEVA FONMINS' CONFERENCE),
THEREBY PRESERVING PRESTIGE OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN
NEGOTIATIONS". AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, KHRUSHCHEV
STATED FORTHRIGHTLY THAT "TIME HAS COME" FOR HEADS STATE
TO MEET AND CONSIDER "MOST DIFFICULT UNSETTLED INTERNATIONAL
QUESTIONS" WHICH FONMINS UNABLE RESOLVE.

ALSO NOTABLE IN SPEECH IS KHRUSHCHEV'S ADMISSION THAT
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND VP NIXON BOTH "UNDERSTAND"
CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES OF WAR BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS
POWERS AND "NECESSITY DEVOTING ALL EFFORTS TO SETTLING
EXISTING DISPUTED QUESTIONS WITHOUT WAR". IN THIS CONNECTION
KHRUSHCHEV ECHOED NIXON (IN SPEECH AT SOKOLNIKI EXHIBITION
OPENING) THAT PRESIDENT KNOWS FIRST HAND WHAT WAR REALLY
IS LIKE, AND ADDED THAT HE "HONORABLY FULFILLED ALL

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CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH US" WHEN COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II.

IN EMBASSY'S OPINION THESE POSITIVE ASPECTS AND TONE OF SPEECH OUTWEIGH OTHERMORE TYPICAL KHRUSHCHEVIAN EXCURSIONS THEREIN--HIS PETULANT DEFENSE OF SOVIET ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (REACTION TO SOKOLNIKI EXHIBITION), EXCORIATION OF "CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK", COMPLAINT THAT US BROADCASTING COMPANIES VIOLATED HIS AGREEMENT WITH VP TO WITHHOLD TV COVERAGE OF THEIR SOKOLNIKI CONVERSATION UNTIL TRANSLATIONS HAD BEEN CHECKED, HIS RUN-OF-MILL ATTACK ON US MILITARY BASE SYSTEM, ETC.

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